

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF RANDALL "RANDY" SMITH

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay great honor to Randall "Randy" Smith who passed away on April 14, 2008. A longtime sports editor and columnist for Manchester, Connecticut's Journal Inquirer, Mr. Smith was a community mainstay and will be sorely missed.

It seemed incomprehensible when I learned of the sudden passing of Randy. Manchester and the Journal Inquirer's gift to the world of sports journalism had a following far beyond its readership.

It seems like yesterday we honored him in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol for a record seventh time being named Sportswriter of the Year.

I said at the time he was a combination of Red Smith, Jimmy Breslin, and F. Scott Fitzgerald rolled up into a regular guy's man of sports. He had great insight into the human condition, the spirit of competition and the heart required of its participation. He explained his stories in a way that those who regularly assembled at Auggie & Ray's or Cavey's appreciated and talked about.

His column was the column that was the one we talked about, with regular favorites like "Once around the Block" and "To You Wanna, Bet . . ." he held you captive. He provided us a credo, not only applicable to sports, but to life, a refrain he often used in his columns: "Honor the game and in return the game will honor you."

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Randy Smith. Certainly, we pause today and reflect on his passing knowing that he honored his craft, and in return we honor him with a final thanks for a job well done. I only hope there's a Saratoga in heaven.

HONORING THE SAGINAW CHAPTER OF THE A. PHILIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Saginaw Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute as they mark 27 years of service to the community. A testimonial banquet will be held on Saturday, April 19th in Saginaw celebrating the anniversary.

A. Philip Randolph stands at the vanguard of 20th century labor leaders. Together with Bayard Rustin, a leading civil rights and labor organizer, they forged an alliance of the civil

rights movement and the labor movement to fight for the rights, privileges and freedoms of all people. After the passage of the Voting Rights Act they joined together and founded the A. Philip Randolph Institute to continue this fight. From its founding in 1965 as an organization of black trade unionists, the A. Philip Randolph Institute has been at the forefront of the continuing struggle to bring equality and economic justice for workers throughout our country.

Madam Speaker, the Saginaw Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute is the cornerstone of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving the lives of everyday citizens in the Saginaw area. They are steadfast in their resolve that we can achieve social, political and economic integrity for all persons no matter what their color or background. I commend them for their hard work and resolute spirit and wish them continued success for many, many years to come.

REGARDING THE NEED FOR MORE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, today we received more disturbing news about the tremendous strain that overseas deployments have put on our men and women in uniform. The RAND Corporation released a study that found roughly one in five U.S. troops is suffering from major depression or post-traumatic stress as a result of serving in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The study also found that even more have suffered some form of traumatic brain injury, often considered the signature injury of the Iraq War.

While this trend is not new, this study confirms what we have known for some time: Extended tours and multiple deployments without sufficient down time contribute to post-traumatic stress disorder. What is perhaps most disturbing is the finding that only about half those with PTSD or depression have sought treatment, and only half again received minimally adequate treatment.

This means that while one in five of our men and women are suffering, only a quarter of those who come home with these debilitating conditions are receiving the treatment they need.

I've heard from veterans in my district who never sought mental health treatment either because it wasn't available or because there was a stigma attached to it. Without treatment, these veterans are at risk of engaging in self-destructive behavior like drinking and using drugs, they may have marital problems, and some even contemplate suicide. This is why we must take this study seriously.

These brave men and women offered to lay down their lives in defense of our Nation. We

owe them no less than an absolute commitment to provide them with the support and care they need to return to healthy and productive civilian lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN JOSEPH SOUZA

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor the late Mr. John Joseph Souza. As a lifelong resident of Atwater, California, John was not only a beloved member of our community, but he was an endearing, personal friend of my family. At the age of 77, John Souza passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

John was born in Atwater, California on August 8, 1930 to John and Palmira Souza. He attended Atwater Jordan Elementary School, and then Livingston High School where he graduated in 1948. In 1951 John served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and in the years following he married the love of his life, Madeline Perry. Upon beginning their life together, John and Madeline purchased the Souza family's ranch. John operated the Souza Dairy for 16 years, owned Souza's Automotive Service in Atwater for 8 years, and then founded Souza's Bailbonds Company, which has been open for the last 34 years. As his lifetime of service reflects, John was a true entrepreneur who happily wore a number of different hats on a daily basis. Not only an avid businessman in the community, John was also a devoted member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, participated in a number of fraternal organizations, served as Director of the Merced Trade Club, was a member of the Winton V.F.W. and was a Director of the California Bailbond Association of America. In addition to his extensive community service, John was also a member of the U.S. Marshals Posse, the Merced County Sheriffs Posse and Merced County Search and Rescue. He thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the Sheriff's Posse with his horse Blaze, with whom he traveled to Washington, D.C. to ride in the Presidential Inauguration Parade for President Bush.

Throughout their lifetime together, John and Madeline traveled to every state in the country, as well as a number of international destinations including Portugal, Mexico, Italy, Canada, Greece and France. Traveling was a favorite pastime for John and Madeline, often venturing down an unknown road just to see where it would take them. In addition to his passion for travel, John's Portuguese heritage meant the world to him. He was a true historian of Portuguese information surrounding the Valley and was fond of attending any Festa he could.

John was preceded in death by his son, John Joseph Souza, Jr. He is survived by his

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